Post-matric scholarships in Karnataka

1645. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the Central assistance given to Karnataka for post-matric scholarships during the last three years, ending on the 31st March, 2006, year-wise, and the provision made for 2007-08;

(b) the number of students granted scholarships, category-wise and year-wise;

(c) whether the full Central assistance was utilized by the State and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the criteria adopted for grant of such scholarships and the authority which sanctions them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN):

(a) and (b) Post-Matric Scholarships to SC students

Year	Central Assistance released (rupees in lakhs)	Beneficiary covered
2003-04	2481.94	87103
2004-05	2699.58	154265
2005-06	2652.00	118386

State-wise budget allocations are not made under the scheme. However an amount of Rs.1348.00 lakhs has been released during 2007-08.

Post-Matric Scholarships to OBC students

Year	Central Assistance released (rupees in lakhs)	Beneficiary covered
2003-04	187.25	16525
2004-05	248.45	18439
2005-06	Nil	18439

State-wise budget allocations are not made under the scheme. However an amount of Rs. 484.57 lakhs has been released during 2007-08.

Post-Matric Scholarships to ST students

Year	Central Assistance released (rupees in lakhs)	Beneficiary covered
2003-04	Nil	31892
2004-05	400.00	37468
2005-06	2020.50	41976

State-wise budget allocations are not made under the scheme. However, an amount of Rs. 144.75 lakhs has been released during 2007-08.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) There is an income criteria for grant of Post Matric Scholarships. (i) under the PMS for SC students scholarship are given to students whose parents/ gaurdians income from all sources does not exceed Rs. 1 lakh p.a. In case of OBC and ST students the income ceiling is Rs. 44,500 and Rs. 1,08,000 repsectively.

The scholarships are sanctioned to students by concerned State Governments/ Union Territories.

Rehabilitation of the mentally retarded people

†1646.DR. NARAYAN SINGH MANAKLAO: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme for medical facilities and rehabilitation of mentally retarded and semi-retarded people:

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether, Government are contemplating to formulate any scheme like rehabilitation homes or some other scheme for the welfare of these neglected people; and

(d) if so, the details of the draft formulated in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. Under the Central Sponsored Scheme of Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme, a number of projects of Special Pre-School/Schools, Day-care Centres, Vocational Training Centres, Homes and Home-based programmes for rendering services of special education, vocational training, counselling, medical advice are being run by Non-Governmental Organisations, for the rehabilitation of the persons with mental retardation.

Besides, under the SAMARTH Scheme, services including medical/therapeutic services, speech and psychological assessment and counselling are being rendered by the National Trust for the Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities.

National Institute for the Mentally Handicapped is administering rehabilitation schemes, *inter-alia*, for running Special Schools for children with mental retardation and for conducting training courses for teachers in the area of cerebral palsy/mental retardation etc.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.